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Sir:

Attached is a list of documents on form PTO-1449 together with a copy of each identified document. It is requested that the Examiner consider these documents and officially make them of record in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and Section 609 of the MPEP. By submitting the listed documents, Applicant in no way makes any admission as to the prior art status of the listed documents, but is instead submitting the listed documents for the sake of full disclosure.

It is noted that the EPA Premanufacture Notice provided in this IDS is not a complete copy. At present, we are attempting to obtain a complete copy of this reference. In addition, although we have provided this document for consideration, it is possible that it may not be considered prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Respectfully submitted,

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